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SUBJECT:CYPRUS SITUATION - NOON PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT Q'S AND A'S ON CYPRUS SITUATION,
NOON PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 31:

QUOTE:

Q: IN LIGHT OF THE WIRE STORIES ON THE CYPRUS MEETING,
IS THE SECRETARY STILL HOPEFUL THAT SOME PROGRESS OR ANY
PROGRESS CAN BE MADE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 5 DEADLINE?

A: WELL, JUST LET ME SAY THAT THE SECRETARY, AS HE
MENTIONED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, AND I REPEATED
YESTERDAY -- HE IS PLANNING TO MEET SOMETIME TOMORROW --
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IT MAY BE AT NOON, BUT I CANNOT CONFIRM THAT FOR YOU YET --
WITH A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE INTERESTED
IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I WILL GET FOR YOU THE NAMES
OF THOSE WHO WILL BE COMING WHEN THE LIST IS FINAL. IT

IS NOT FINALIZED YET. NOW, AT THIS MEETING THE SECRETARY WILL REPORT TO THE CONGRESSMEN THE RESULTS OF THIS LATEST MEETING BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH. AND HE WILL GIVE THE CONGRESSMEN HIS ASSESSMENT OF JUST WHERE THIS PROBLEM STANDS AS OF NOW.

Q: YOUR ANSWER IS YES, THEN, THAT HE IS STILL HOPEFUL TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SOME PROGRESS.

A: WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GO ANY FURTHER, FRANKLY THAN I DID NOW. HE IS GOING TO GIVE THEM HIS ASSESSMENT. I THINK THAT HIS VIEWS AND THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON THIS WHOLE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY ARE EXTREMELY WELL KNOWN. AND I JUST DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT HE IS GOING TO BE SAYING TO THE CONGRESSMEN. I WILL ATTEMPT, OBVIOUSLY, TO GET A READ-OUT FOLLOWING THE MEETING, AND GIVE YOU ANY RESULTS I CAN OF IT. I WOULD JUST RATHER NOT SPECULATE.

Q: IS IT THE SECRETARY'S INTENTION, IF PROGRESS CAN BE SHOWN, TO HAVE THE CONGRESSMEN MOVE FOR A CHANGE IN THE LAW OR TO WORK THE OTHER ROUTE, TO GO THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF A FINDING OF PROGRESS?

A: WELL, HERE AGAIN, FRANKLY, BEFORE HE HAS EVEN MET WITH THE CONGRESSMEN I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT HE IS GOING TO BE SAYING TO THE CONGRESSMEN, OTHER THAN WHAT I SAID.

Q: BUT THERE MUST BE A STRATEGY ON HOW TO OPERATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE --

A: I JUST CANNOT COMMENT ON HOW, WHICH AVENUE MAY BE TAKEN, AS YOU PUT IT. THE SECRETARY WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS WHOLE SUBJECT TOMORROW WITH THE CONGRESSMEN WHO WILL BE WITH HIM.

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Q: IS IT CORRECT THAT THE LAW REQUIRES A CERTIFICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF TO CONGRESS THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, ASIDE FROM ANY INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THIS KIND?

A: I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THAT PARTICULAR SUB-SECTION OF THE ACT. I HAVE A COPY UPSTAIRS. I WILL CHECK IT AND THEN LOOK INTO IT WITH YOU IF YOU WANT.

Q: BUT HIS SATURDAY MEETING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROGRESS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW. IT IS MORE OR LESS OF A LOBBYING EFFORT, ISN'T IT?

A: WELL, I THINK THIS IS PART OF THE SECRETARY'S EFFORT TO CONSULT VERY CLOSELY WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM ON

CYPRUS.

Q: IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S SINGLING OUT OF THIS FRIDAY MEETING IN NICOSIA AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, IN VIEW OF THE REMARKS THAT YOU MADE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR REOPENING THE AIRPORT, DOES THIS MEETING TODAY REPRESENT A DISAPPOINTMENT? HAD YOU REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TODAY THAT DID NOT HAPPEN?

A: FRANKLY, I SAW ONE TICKER JUST BEFORE I CAME DOWN HERE. THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY WILL GET A REPORT, WHICH ISN'T EVEN HERE YET, ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. I SAW ONE BRIEF TICKER. I CANNOT COMMENT ON THE BASIS OF THAT TICKER.

Q: I JUST WONDER WHY THE SECRETARY SINGLED OUT THIS PARTICULAR FRIDAY MEETING AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY.

A: I DON'T KNOW WHY HE DID. WELL, LET ME MAKE THIS POINT. THERE HAS BEEN, AS I HAVE MENTIONED TO A NUMBER OF YOU, CONSTANT CONSULTATION ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION WITH INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BY THE SECRETARY.
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AND THIS IS OVER A PERIOD OF WEEKS -- WITH THE SECRETARY PARTICIPATING, SOMETIMES WITH MR. HARTMAN OR MR. STABLER. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS NOT JUST THE SECRETARY MEETING TOMORROW AND THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME. THIS IS A QUESTION OF CONSTANT CONSULTATION THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON OVER A PERIOD OF WEEKS.

Q: I WASN'T REFERRING TO THAT MEETING. I WAS REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY THE SECRETARY SINGLED OUT TODAY'S MEETING ON CYPRUS AS BEING ONE AFTER WHICH HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH CONGRESS. WHAT I WANTED TO FIND OUT IS DID HE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AT TODAY'S MEETING ON CYPRUS?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING PARTICULAR WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. AS HE SAID, AND I SAID YESTERDAY, HE WANTED TO MEET FOLLOWING THIS MEETING WITH THE INTERESTED MEMBERS

OF CONGRESS, TO REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF IT, AND TO GIVE THEM HIS ASSESSMENT OF WHERE THINGS STAND.

Q: ALONG THAT SAME LINE, I THINK YOU, THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, ISSUED A STATEMENT HERE IN WHICH YOU TALKED ABOUT FUTURE ACTIONS OF SOME NATURE WE HOPED WOULD BE POSITIVE -- THAT WILL BE. WAS THIS MEETING TODAY BETWEEN DENKTASH AND CLERIDES ONE OF THOSE FUTURE ACTIONS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN POSITIVE?

A: WELL, I MENTIONED IN YESTERDAY'S BRIEFING CERTAIN SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED BY MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH. I BELIEVE I MENTIONED THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, OPENING OF THE PROT OF FAMAGUSTA, AND TWO OR THREE OTHER POINTS. NOW, WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN TODAY'S MEETING WITH REGARD TO THOSE PARTICULAR SUBJECTS I DO NOT KNOW. MAYBE THERE WILL BE NO ACTION ON THESE PARTICULAR THINGS THAT WAS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

Q: THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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NIGHT ON THIS SUBJECT WERE TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WOULD BE STUPID TO CUT OFF TURKISH AID BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T DO US ANY GOOD. AND THIS I THINK LENDS PERTINENCE TO MARILYN'S QUESTION, AS TO HOW HE IS APPROACHING THIS THING. IS THE WHOLE THIRD-PERSON TRANSFER THING STUPID, OR IS IT STUPID ONLY IN THIS CASE -- YOU SEE?

A: WELL, WITH REGARD TO THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS LAST NIGHT, WHICH WERE INFORMAL COMMENTS HE MADE AT THIS DINNER -- OBVIOUSLY I CAN CONFIRM TO YOU THAT HE MADE THESE COMMENTS. HE AND THE PRESIDENT FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THIS IS, AS HAS BEEN STATED MANY TIMES, THIS WHOLE QUESTION OF AID TO TURKEY IS NOT GIVEN AS A FAVOR TO TURKEY IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, AND THAT I THINK THE ADMINISTRATION FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE A DISASTER TO DRIVE TURKEY OUT OF THE WEST. THE AID IS GIVEN IN THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN DEFENSE. NOW, WE HAVE BEEN FAVORING -- AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HAVE A POLICY OF CONCILIATION, IF YOU WILL, ON THE PART OF TURKEY AND OTHERS. AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TOWARDS THIS END. BUT INsofar AS MARILYN'S QUESTION, AND THEN YOUR QUESTION NOW, STEWART, ON WHAT IS THE SECRETARY PLANNING TO DO WHEN HE MEETS WITH THE CONGRESS TOMORROW WITH REGARD TO THE FEBRUARY 5 DEADLINE, I CANNOT TELL YOU. I THINK, OBVIOUSLY, WE FEEL THAT THE FEBRUARY 5 DEADLINE IS NOT

HELPFUL IN TERMS OF TRYING TO INDUCE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ANY WAY, BECAUSE IT PUTS A CERTAIN PRESSURE ON ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, JUST THINKING

LOGICALLY, OBVIOUSLY IS NOT A HELPFUL MOVE.

Q: YOU USED THE PHRASE "DRIVE TURKEY OUT OF THE WEST."
DOES THE SECRETARY THINK THAT THAT IS REALLY A POSSIBILITY; THAT BECAUSE OF THIS DISPUTE OVER AID WE MIGHT LOSE AN ALLY, WHICH HAS BEEN AN ENEMY OF RUSSIA?

A: I THINK HE IS CONCERNED. AS HE HAS SAID MANY TIMES, YES, THAT THE AID IS BEING GIVEN IN OUR OWN INTERESTS
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OUT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT FLANK OF THE ALLIANCE. AND HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT CUTTING OFF OF AID MIGHT RESULT IN THAT KIND OF A SITUATION.

Q: CAN WE LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN A BIT, BECAUSE WE DON'T GENERALLY. WHAT ABOUT WHAT A RESUMPTION OF AID WOULD DO TO GREECE, WHICH IS PART OF OUR ALLIANCE, TOO? COULD YOU ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THAT? ARE THERE ANY QUALMS THAT WILL POSE SOME ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS WITH GREECE, THE KIND WE HAD LAST FALL, SHOULD AID BE RESUMED, OR DOES THAT NOT CONCERN US TERRIBLY?

A: WELL, I THINK IT IS MAYBE BESIDE THE POINT, BECAUSE IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF THE RESUMPTION OF AID. AID IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. AND WE HAVE NOT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HAD ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE WITH REGARD TO OUR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

Q: I GUESS "RESUMPTION" IS THE WRONG WORD.

A: MILITARY AID IS GOING ON IN A NORMAL WAY.

Q: THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN THE AREA, NOT TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE AREA, A LITTLE PAST THE DEADLINE. IS IT CONCEIVABLE THAT HE WILL TRY TO GET SOME SORT OF AN EXTENSION SO THAT HE CAN DO SOME ON-THE-SPOT DIPLOMACY? IS HE CONSIDERING DOING SOMETHING ON THE GROUND?

A: THERE IS NO PLAN FOR THE SECRETARY -- I WAS ASKED THIS YESTERDAY -- OF VISITING, I THINK IT WAS, NOCISIA, ATHENS AND ANKARA. THERE IS NO PLAN TO VISIT ANY OF THESE CAPITALS.

Q: IS THERE ANY PLAN TO MEET ANY OF THE LEADERS? YOU SEE, WE HAVE TO ASK ALL THE QUESTIONS WHEN IT GETS TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. "PLAN" IS YOUR WORD, SO WE WILL TAKE IT IN SEQUENCE NOW. IS THERE ANY PLAN TO SEE ANY OF THE LEADERS, ANYWHERE, OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON?

A: AT ANY TIME.

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Q: NO, NO. IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP.

A: I CANNOT SAY WHETHER THE SECRETARY WILL OR WILL NOT MEET WITH, SAY, FOREIGN MINISTER KITSIOS AND FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL. THERE IS NOTHING DEFINITE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AT THIS TIME.

Q: ALL RIGHT. NOW, LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU CAN SAY THERE IS NO PLAN. YOU CAN SAY THAT CATEGORICALLY. THERE IS NO PLAN TO GO TO NICOSIA, TO GREECE OR TO TURKEY. THAT YOU CAN SAY.

A: THAT IS RIGHT. LET ME FINISH, AND THEN YOU CAN ASK ME ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT. WHETHER HE WILL OR WILL NOT MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY; THERE IS NOTHING DEFINITE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON THIS. IF THERE APPEARED TO BE A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY DURING THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THEN THIS MIGHT HAPPEN. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST MENTION THAT WHAT I AM TRYING TO DO HERE IS -- I AM NOT RULING IT IN OR OUT. IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN, AS WE ALL KNOW, SOME PLANS THAT THEN WERE CHANGED, AND TENTATIVE PLANS THAT NEVER CAME ABOUT, ABOUT MEETING THESE GENTLEMEN. AND I WANT TO PUT IT THIS WAY TO YOU, SO THAT LATER ON, IF IT WORKS OUT THAT THE SECRETARY DOES MEET WITH THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS, THAT THEN I AM NOT TOLD THAT I MISLED YOU TODAY IN ANY WAY. THAT IS JUST WHERE IT STANDS RIGHT NOW.

Q: ALL RIGHT. I APPRECIATE IT.

Q: I JUST WANT TO TAKE YOUR QUESTION. YOU ASKED IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CUT-OFF. WILL HE ASK FOR AN EXTENSION IN ORDER TO DO THIS? AND THAT IS A QUESTION.

A: I HAVE TO GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID EARLIER. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS ARE GOING TO BE TOMORROW WITH THESE INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR

ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION HE OR THE WHITE HOUSE MAY BE TAKING
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VIS-A-VIS THE CONGRESS. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q: BUT INDEED WOULDN'T HIS EFFORTS TO ATTEMPT TO ASSIST IN A SETTLEMENT BE HELPED IF THE CUT-OFF WAS POSTPONED A COUPLE OR THREE WEEKS, UNTIL HE IS IN THE AREA?

A: I THINK THAT IS AN ENTIRELY LOGICAL AND CORRECT
ASSUMPTION. AND EVEN BETTER -- IF THERE WERE NO
DEADLINE AT ALL.

Q: ALL RIGHT. THEN LEAVING ASIDE TOMORROW, WHICHAFTER
ALL IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, IS
THERE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS
ON THESE GROUNDS -- IN OTHER WORDS, TO MOVE THE DEADLINE
PERHAPS TWO OR THREE WEEKS?

A: I DON'T KNOW. I DO NOT KNOW THAT. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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